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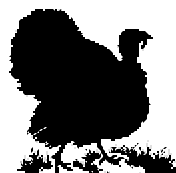
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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was fully steady to instances firm. No trading was reported. Demand was mixed with most interest for deferred arrivals. Supplies are sufficient for needs. Trading was light to moderate for both parts and meats. Demand was moderate to instances good. The market tone was mostly steady.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on a heavy volume tom drums, balance slow. Demand was improving with interest noted from Mexico and the Middle East.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **APRIL 22, 2004**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-65	-	-	-	72.50	640	OCT	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-66	-	-	-	72.50	1360	OCT	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-65	-	-	-	71.00	120	OCT	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-65	-	-	-	71.00	280	OCT	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF APRIL 23, 2004	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	64.60 **	64.00	61.50**
CENTRAL REGION	64.50 **	64.00	62.00
WESTERN REGION	65.10 **	65.00 **	61.50**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	64.90 **	62.00	59.00**
CENTRAL REGION	64.70 **	64.00	58.50**
WESTERN REGION	64.80 **	64.50 **	58.50**

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	70-71
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	70-77

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	95-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	86-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	85-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	85-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	93-130

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT**

U.S. GRADE A DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION,  
CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 26-APR-2004

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)		
	HENS	LBS	TOMS	LBS
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	71.00	40	71.64	22
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	71.00	40	71.64	22
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		40		40

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)  
SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

MARCH	446,631*
APRIL 1-17, 2004	223,050*
To date 2004	1,421,898*
To date 2003	1,549,283*

\* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 17-Apr-2004  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>			<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>		
	PCT	AVG	OLD		AVG	
	CHG	LIVE	BANDED		LIVE	
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT		
N EAST	811	21	22.08	(A)	812	22.08
SATL	673	6	32.36	(A)	674	32.36
N CENT	1,868	4	32.71	(A)	1,869	32.71
S CENT	470	-2	22.49	(A)	471	22.49
WEST	327	1	23.67	(A)	328	23.67
U.S. TOTAL	4,149(B)	6	28.70	5	4,154	28.70
TO-DATE						
2004	62,952(B)			121	63,073	
TO-DATE						
2003	67,174(B)			242	67,416	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included:

this week 49,000; for the year 675,000; last year to date 913,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED**

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>W/E 17-Apr-2004</u>		
	HENS	TOMS	YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>		BREEDERS		
HEAD	1,634	2,466	49	5	4,154
AVG WT	15.81	37.29	26.36	28.67	28.70
LAST WEEK	1,589	2,278	38	12	3,917
SAME WK YR AGO	1,778	2,644	77	9	4,508
AVG WT	16.18	37.07	27.80	32.09	28.66
TO-DATE/2004	25,310	36,967	675	121	63,073
TO-DATE/2003	25,952	40,309	913	242	67,416

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 22 APRIL 2004.**

The market on rib breasts was mostly steady on consumer sizes and fully steady to firm on institutional sizes. Demand ranged from light to fair on 4-8 lb. sized breasts to instances good on institutional sizes. Offerings of 4-8 lb. sizes mixed, but mostly adequate. Institutional sized breast offerings were light and generally held with confidence. Fresh tom breast meat demand was seasonally slow to moderate with optimism noted for May. Offerings light to adequate. Fresh destrapped tenderloins and frozen from new production offerings continued light and held with confidence. Trading centered on a heavy volume of fresh mechanically separated turkey at higher trending prices for current domestic shipments, balance light. For domestic: tails 34, breeder hen drums 29-30, breeder hen wings 44-45, breeder hen necks 54, plant grade non-basted 12-14 lb. breasts 110-120 cents delivered. For export: livers 20.50, young hen drums 28, young hen wings 44, tom necks 53, fries 185 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	93.00		93.00	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	140.00-154.00		147.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	84.00		84.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	29.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	28.00		28.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	47.00		47.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	32.00	9
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	78.00		78.00	40
NECKS, TOM	53.00		53.00	80
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	178.00		178.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	192.00-195.00		193.50	40
THIGH MEAT		F	87.00	10
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	92.00	100
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		F	100.00	10
TENDERLOINS		R	145.00	16
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	170.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	188.00		188.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	104.00		104.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	36.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	38.00-44.00		40.37	1,222
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.00-33.00		30.80	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	28.00-34.00		30.00	156
TAILS		R	31.33	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	35.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	89.00	40

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 23 APRIL 2004.**

Tom bulk parts demand was good on drums for domestic and export shipments with inquiry noted from Mexico and the Middle East. Demand on tom necks was light at best and wings light to fair. Offerings of tom drums were being held with increased confidence, tom necks adequate to fully adequate and tom wings light to adequate. Hen drum demand was light to fair for domestic and export shipments, inquiry on the balance of hen parts was mostly for domestic shipments. Offerings ranged light to adequate. Trading centered on moderate to heavy volumes of tom drums for domestic and export shipments and on a fair volume of fresh tom breast meat for current shipments, balance light. Frozen destrapped tenderloins traded with -6 months age. For domestic: fresh scapula 104, frozen breeder tom breast meat 145 cents delivered. Livers traded at 20.50 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	
					WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		1/ R	93.00	120	93.00	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	155.00		155.00	40	149.67	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	85.00		85.00	40	84.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	29.00-33.00		31.20	523	30.97	603
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	30.00-33.00		31.00	60	30.33	180
DRUMSTICKS, HEN						
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	46.00-47.00		46.12	102	46.17	108
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	31.00		31.00	80	31.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	78.00	40	76.50	80
NECKS, TOM	54.00		54.00	15	54.56	215
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	178.00	40	178.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	188.00-190.00		188.53	453	188.93	493
THIGH MEAT		F	87.00	10		
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	91.00-94.00		91.50	48	91.50	48
BREAST TRIM MEAT	110.00		110.00	20	110.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT	98.50-99.00		98.60	50	98.60	50
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	168.50-170.00		169.63	160	169.70	200
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	103.00		103.00	20	103.80	100
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	188.00		188.00	48	187.86	176
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	36.00	40	36.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	38.00-42.00		41.17	229	40.25	1,601
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.00-31.00		29.32	760	29.61	986
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	30.00	156	30.00	156
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	89.00	40	89.00	80

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